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At least 101 people have been affected with the Swine flu (H1N1 influenza virus) in West Bengal since January, a senior health official said on Wednesday.

Two persons also suspected to have died of the disease, though it is yet to be confirmed, the official said. The incidences were reported mostly from the city (36) and North 24 Parganas district (33), State Health Services Director Biswaranjan Satpathy told PTI.

Stray cases

He said that there were one or two stray cases reported from Howrah and Hooghly districts as well.

"There have been 101 cases of Swine Flu infection in West Bengal since January. Out of these, seven persons were from other States while the rest 94 were from West Bengal," Mr. Satpathy said.

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On the number of deaths from Swine Flu, the health official said, "So far we have received reports of two suspected cases of Swine Flu deaths. We are waiting for the death report to be sure of the cause."

According to Mr. Satpathy, presently 10 persons, including four admitted on Wednesday, with the H1N1 virus infection were undergoing treatment at different hospitals in the State.

Swine flu is a respiratory disease caused by influenza viruses that infect the respiratory tract of pigs and result in a barking cough, decreased appetite, nasal secretions, and listless behaviour; the virus can be transmitted to humans.

When contacted, Kolkata Municipal Corporation MMIC (Health) Atin Ghosh, said that there were only eight cases reported from the city in a month's time.

"Out of the eight cases reported from the city, seven have recuperated. Only one aged person from the city is undergoing treatment for Swine Flu," Mr. Ghosh confirmed.

There have been no new cases of Swine Flu infection from the city for the last couple of days, he said.

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